GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Forest Right Titles
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of community forestright titles granted/distributed under theScheduled Tribes and other TraditionalForest Dwellers (Recognition of ForestRights Act, 2006) so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government iscognizant of the refusal of grant of rightsover minor forest products due to the overlapof the Forest Rights Act and Panchayat(Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof and stepstaken by the Government to rectify theissue;

(d) whether there have been notedinstances of imposition of royalty by StateGovernments on minor forest products andif so, the details thereof and corrective Stepstaken/being taken by the Government inthis regard;

(e) whether the Government hascancelled forest rights of local villages incertain States including Chhattisgarh; and

(f) if so, the details and the reasonstherefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JUAL ORAM)
(a) The number of community forest right titles granted/ distributed under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA in short) State/UT wise so far is placed as Annex.

(b) & (c) There is no conflict between Forest Rights Act and Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act with regards to right over Minor Forest produce. No such instance has been brought to Ministry of Tribal Affairs notice.

(d) FRA does not provide for royalty by State Governments on Minor Forest Products. As per Section 3(1)(c) of FRA, right of ownership, access to collect, use, and dispose offminor forest produce which has been traditionally collected within or outside village boundaries is one of the forest rights of Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers on all forest lands.

(e) No, Madam. The Central Government has not cancelled forest rights of local villages in certain States including Chhattisgarh. The process of recognition of rights starts with the Gram Sabha and is completed at the level of District level Committee. The Central Government cannot cancel forest rights of local villages of any State including Chhattisgarh.
(f) In view of reply to part (e) above, question does not arise.

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